

and situations where the thought is sometimes emphasized by the feeling, i. e. *think* the need, *feel* the need. God bless the cheerful givers, whose prayers go up daily for His work. Pray for us.

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#### Nine Arguments for Missions

These words are mighty, coming as they do from Hon. John Barrett, Minister to Siam, and for several years an extensive traveler thruout the East:

1. In my experience as a United States Minister, 150 missionaries, scattered over a land as large as the German Empire, gave me less trouble than 15 business men or merchants.
2. Every where they go, in Siam or Burma, in China or Japan, they tend to raise the moral tone of the community where they settle.
3. They are the pioneers in education, starting the first practical schools and higher institutions of learning, teaching along lines that develop the spirit of true citizenship, as well as of Christianity.
4. They develop the idea of patriotism, of individual responsibility in the welfare of the State.
5. They carry on extensive medical and surgical work, build hospitals and encourage sanitary measures, and have been the chief agency thruout Asia to check the spread of diseases like small pox, cholera, and the plague.
6. They do a great work of charity, and teach the idea of self help among masses, otherwise doomed to starvation and cruel slavery.
7. They are helpful in preparing the way for legitimate commercial expansion, and almost invariably precede the merchant in penetrating the interior.
8. They have done more than either commerce or diplomacy to develop respect for American character and manhood among the countless ignorant millions of Asia.
9. They are a necessity to the Asiatic statesmen and people to provide them with that instruction and information required to undertake genuine progress and development.

#### Church Directory

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## Among the Churches

### Nappanee, Ind.

"Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning" This has been verified in my life once more. Last Saturday night I came home from my western trip with a feeling akin to sadness which my soul could not resist. Arriving at home about ten o'clock I was met at the train by Brother Neff who went with me to my home. We stood and talked for some time when I turned to enter the house to meet loved ones there. When I opened the door such a scene met my gaze as I shall never forget. Parlor, sitting-room and dining-room crowded to their utmost capacity with loving friends. Such clapping of hands and shouts of joy came like a burst of sunshine dispelling every care with joy and filling the soul with good cheer. I thank the members of Nappanee and Union Salem churches for their kind remembrance. I thank them for a baptismal suit, and many good things to eat. I thank them for their good will to my family but above all I rejoice in the good cheer and love they have for each other.

B. H. FLORA.

### On the Way to Indiana

Dear Evangelist: We are now on our way to Nappanee, Indiana. We were sorry that we had to leave our mission at this time. Last Sunday night we had the largest congregation since the opening of our mission in October. Also five more in Sunday-school than any other Sunday. We have not yet drawn the net for the Brethren church as the field is not quite ripe enough. The situation here is peculiar. If we had pursued the course that we do ordinarily in revival work it is probable that we would not have had half the interest nor the congregations we now have. Frauds and fads have caused the people to be suspicious of everything new that comes along. But when once they have confidence they will investigate and some will accept. Our hand to hand and door to door workers have visited about all the houses in the immediate neighborhood and some of the best people are becoming interested. In this canvas we have found much destitution and the Lord has been providing much to alleviate it. Only by going into the homes can we find out the true condition. Many well to do people know nothing of the great needs of their next door neighbor, this is not so much the fault of the better class as the custom of city life. Some live for years without even learning the name of the family of the next door.

The Lord has enabled us to furnish trained nurses for the sick, food for the hungry, clothes for the naked, all free. We have found families here whose children have nothing to wear save a few rags that but partially covered their nakedness. From unexpected sources we have received food and clothing for the poor. While we received twice as much as we expected we could have used to good advantage as much more. Second hand clothing both good and poor can be used by us. Poor widows who are kept in by little ones, who usually wash for support even wash over poor garments for their children. Some of these worthy poor by the kindness of friends and organized charity receive all their coal, food and clothing for their families and use all the money they get for rent.

Sister Vianna has been much perplexed to supply shoes. Once she sold some cloaks for money for shoes and thus supplied their need. We have been pressed sorely and praying much to overcome this difficulty and when we reached the climax of this need the Lord stepped in and put it into the heart of a dear sister to send us an order for \$5 just for shoes. Order came on Saturday. snowstorm on Monday such as we have not had for years. If our dear sister but knew the joy

that will come into these poor homes by her kindness she would with us shed tears of joy. And then best of all happy with warm feet will enter the Sunday school and with an eager desire learn of Jesus who sent the shoes and thus may be a means of adding stars to her crown in the home beyond. May God abundantly bless our sister. This was a clear answer to our prayers and in such an unexpected way. We have a wonderful Savior. May he help us to give him all the glory.

A poor sister to whom I had loaned upon various occasions during the last six years small sums of money, came and asked me to loan her \$5 for an emergency. She promised to return it by Saturday. Her husband, a painter, on account of the bad weather failed to finish his job. With much sorrow she wrote that it was impossible to pay it until the job completed. When I read the letter I said, "I am going away and need it badly." I was handed at the same time another letter and when I opened it there was a check enclosed for \$5 sent by a brother from the far west stating that he could have no peace of mind until he sent it for my mission. We felt sure that it was the Lord's doing and was indeed marvelous in our eyes. Missing my train from Allentown I was late for the service. Sister Vianna had already opened the services. I placed the two letters into my pocket, stepped into the mission, preached the best I could and at the close of the service a sick brother to whom I had loaned \$5 until March 1, stepped up and placed it in my hand two weeks ahead of time and said, "I felt that you might need it." So the Lord did more than I expected. It called to my mind Eph 3:20 "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

Strong drink is one of the greatest causes of destitution here. This kind requires much prayer and wisdom to deal with. We have not tried to do much with this class. We have been helping principally those who are poor thru sickness and those out of work and especially widows with little children who sustain them by washing.

But my heart aches to help the little ones who are kept out of school and Sunday-school and often locked up in their houses almost naked while their fathers and mothers drink up all their income. I ask all to pray for us that we may be led to do just what the Lord wants with this class.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

### Lanark, Ill.

Since our last report from this part of the brotherhood we have been doing some special work along the line of revival. When I became pastor of the church last fall the church agreed to allow me to secure an evangelist to hold our yearly revival. I tried as hard as I knew how to secure one and failed. Then we concluded it would be rather unbecoming a body of devoted and zealous Christians to go without special meetings just because we failed in securing an evangelist. So we decided to hold a week's meeting our own selves. We began on the eve of Feb 2, and continued until the eve of Feb 16, two weeks.

The meetings began with the best interest and largest attendance we have had since we built the new church six years ago. The first week it was very cold but the congregations were good and interest excellent. The second week the weather was not quite so cold and the congregations were larger. Never in the history of the Brethren church at Lanark have there been so many young people attending church as during these services. The immediate results of the meetings were 10 additions; of these five were by baptism, three by letter and two by relation from the G. G. Brethren. A week or so before the meetings we baptized six which have been reported. Since Jan. 21st we have added unto the church here 16. The church has again put on her old time revival spirit and prospects are good for more accessions.